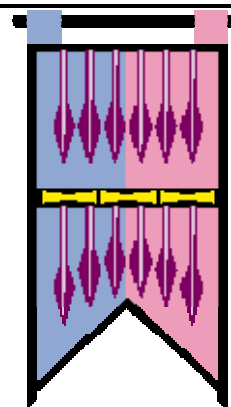


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Telephone Meeting
July 7, 2004
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Members Present

Norma Bixby	Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Harold Dusty Bull	Blackfeet Tribe
Lori Falcon	Office of Public Instruction
Carol Juneau	Montana Indian Education Association
Corri Smith	MEA-MFT

Guests Present

Nancy Coopersmith	Office of Public Instruction
Joan Franke	Office of Public Instruction
Lynn Hinch	Office of Public Instruction

The agenda was read. Additional agenda topics are the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) action plan, MEA-MFT conference, and the Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA) conference and legislative forum.

July Board of Public Education meeting

Norma Bixby reviewed her presentation for the Board of Public Education (BPE) meeting. The items are:

1. The MACIE retreat and the outcomes:
 - a. goal setting for the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE);
 - b. communications/Collaboration with the OPI and the BPE;
 - c. budget and legislative recommendations to the OPI & the BPE;
 - d. recommendations regarding the upcoming Indian Education Summit; and
 - e. possible bylaws revision.
2. Upcoming Indian education summit and MACIE members working with the OPI.
3. Next MACIE quarterly meeting:
 - a. report on special education; and
 - b. state Action for Educational leadership Project (SAELP) grant which teams a successful school with a less successful one.
4. Next MACIE meeting – September 10, 2004.

No other items were presented that need to be discussed at the BPE meeting.

MACIE Retreat

There was discussion as to when the MACIE retreat was to take place. It was decided it would be the evening of September 10 and all day September 11. It was also decided to have the next quarterly MACIE meeting during the day of September 10. The goals and outcomes for the retreat are:

1. goal setting for MACIE;
2. communications/collaboration with the OPI and the BPE;
3. budget and legislative recommendations to OPI & BPE;
4. recommendations regarding the upcoming Indian Education Summit; and
5. possible bylaws revisions.

Some of the agenda items proposed for the business meeting are:

1. dropout plan;
2. special education data;
3. grant received by Paul Roland; and
4. Indian Education for All committee report.

If you have any other items for the MACIE business meeting please send them to Joan Franke, by e-mail at jfranke@state.mt.us or by fax to (406) 444-3924.

Indian Education Summit

Lynn Hinch stated the summary of the May 20 meeting had been sent out last week. There will be another meeting on July 20 and an agenda is being sent out in the next few days. About ten people have confirmed they will be coming to this meeting.

An impromptu meeting was held during the dropout prevention institute and it was decided to have a brief position and issue papers done in several areas that were identified during the May meeting. These areas are: school structure, leadership, Indian Education for All, achievement, and dropout issues. A contract will be done with Mike Jetty, Adjunct Professor at Montana State University, to do these papers.

It was stated there needs to be collaboration with P-20 with Indian Education.

At the last planning meeting decisions were made as to what will take place at the summit and now discussion will be regarding how to make that happen - the nuts and bolts. Carol Juneau said she hopes groups such as School Administrators of Montana and MEA-MFT will participate and take ownership in the process. Lori Falcon talked about Bud Williams' idea for the summit as being a "jumping off point" and that there needs to be continued regional trainings.

Meeting with Jan Clinard – August 16

Carol Juneau asked if this is a follow up to MACIE's request regarding writing proficiency information and Lynn Hinch said she thought it was so.

Norma Bixby and Carol Juneau asked if the disaggregated information regarding test results could be received before the meeting to be distributed to MACIE members. Nancy Coopersmith suggested that Jan Clinard be invited to the next MACIE meeting to present to all members of the committee rather than relying on Dr. Clinard giving the information to a few MACIE members and then having them relay it to the whole membership. Nancy said this would be in addition to the August 16 meeting.

Lori Falcon mentioned Carolyn Lott (the University of Montana) talked about workshops that gave teachers specific tools/strategies to get ready for testing. Lori doesn't know how well these were attended.

Lori asked what members wanted done with the tests and Norma said there needs to be training on how to teach writing and that students shouldn't be subjected to a test. Carol concurred with this and said there are enough assessments and that when we have equity maybe a test would be OK.

It was agreed Norma will meet with Jan Clindard on August 16, 2004.

Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA)

The MIEA is doing a newsletter. Get your news items to Carol Juneau by e-mail at csjuneau@3rivers.net or by fax at (406) 338-5688. Items for the newsletter suggested during the telephone call are information on the summit and the dropout conference.

The MIEA conference will be April 2-5, 2005, at the Colonial Inn in Helena. Carol asked that a MACIE meeting be scheduled in conjunction with this. She also asked for support and any workshops anyone would like to present. There will also be student activities which will utilize the legislature if possible.

MIEA is also looking in to plans for a legislative forum in the fall.

Oral arguments regarding the school funding lawsuit before the Montana Supreme Court are scheduled for October. MIEA is continuing the amicus brief regarding Indian education.

Action Plan

Lori Falcon stated the plan will keep evolving after the retreat and the summit.

Carol Juneau stated regionalization is one agenda item of the school renewal commission. Kirk Miller, member of the school renewal commission, said Indian Education for All could be part of regionalization.

MEA-MFT

The conference is October 21-22, 2004 in Helena. Corri Smith said there is a good lineup of presenters. There will be a full-day workshop pertaining to the essential understandings regarding Montana Indians the first day.

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Lori Falcon said the Flathead training regarding the essential understandings was good and it will be presented at both the MEA conference and the MCEL conference. Carol Juneau also suggested having it done at the MIEA conference.

Other

Lori Falcon said she talked with Paul Rowland, dean of the College of Education at the University of Montana. He said he had a wish list for funding and one of the items on it is a Web-based clearing house for Indian Education for All information. He had received a \$50,000 grant from an anonymous donor. Norma Bixby and Lynn Hinch think this is a good idea and Paul should be invited to the next MACIE meeting.

Carol Juneau mentioned the Board of Regents will have a position open in February as Richard Roehm's term ends. As this is thought to be a regional position, the area of where the next member is from needs to be determined.

Next Telephone Meeting

There will be no MACIE telephone meeting in August.

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____/s/ Louise Stump_____
Louise Stump, Secretary

Date: November 18, 2004